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PRESIDENT

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Honorable Ron Lewis
U.S. House of Representatives
2418 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Lewis:

On behalf of Americans for Tax Reform (ATR), I am writing to express this organization's strong support in your effort to place a one-year moratorium on all non-defense appropriations earmarks for Fiscal Year 2006.

As you know, Hurricane Katrina imposed severe damage to the Gulf Region and the rebuilding process will be costly, but needed. **Adding an additional \$200 billion of new spending on top of the \$150 billion planned increase in spending to pay for general government operations will impose a severe burden on American taxpayers.**

Your proposal will work to offset some of these costs by as much as \$30 billion for one year. Clearly, this is needed now more than ever to ensure the Gulf Region is quickly and properly rebuilt with minimal impact to American taxpayers.

Once again I want to thank you for your leadership on this important issue and your leadership on all issues facing American taxpayers. A moratorium of earmarks is clearly needed and ATR is willing to assist your efforts to make this happen.

Onward,

Grover Norquist

Cc: Members, U.S. House of Representatives